Subjects: French Croix de Guerre;
Oregon Trail half dollar

Elected an ANS member in 1902.

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FRANK F. FLETCHER
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My dear Mr Noz.

What is the significance of the Palms on the French Croix de Guerre as distinguished from that with the Star?
And also as to number of Stars sometimes attached.
Presume your inquiries more than all about it.

Sincerely
Frank F. Fletcher

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May 6th, 1918.

Mr. Frank F. Fletcher,
410 Northwestern Bank Building,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Your letter to Mr. Noe has been turned over to me to answer. Unfortunately we do not know all of the minor details of the Croix de Guerre. The following are all that we have been able to learn:-

The decoration with the palm on the ribbon is higher than with the star, and is conferred through "Orders of the Day". The presentation is made, if possible, before the whole division on review. Any number of palms may be added. The star is lower, and I have been told that these stars come in three classes, bronze, silver and gilt, but as yet have not been able to verify this statement. The presentation is made before either the company battalion or possibly regiment. I think I have seen this decoration with more than one star, but can not say how many stars can be added. Off hand I would say that very few stars are added as the man would be quite liable to get a palm if he had been cited two or three time. If I hear anything further I will let you know.

Yours vefy truly,

Curator.

FRANK F. FLETCHER
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My dear Mr. Wood.

Thank you for the information in yours of the 25th inst. Note that the Society has a lien on new and medals as issued.

Can an individual collector join in procuring them or rather such as would fill gaps in any collection?

Yours

Frank F. Fletcher

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American Numismatic Society.
New York.

Dear Sirs:-

Will you kindly furnish me with a description of the design on both the reverse and obverse of the new Oregon Trail half dollar. I thank you.

Respectfully,

F. F. Fletcher

Hotel Piedmont.
Charlotte, N. C.
November 11th, 1926

November 5, 1926

Mr. F. F. Fletcher,
Hotel Piedmont,
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Sir:

The obverse of the Oregon Trail Half-Dollar has in the center an Indian with war-bonnet, facing somewhat to the right, with left hand extended and right hand holding a bow in a horizontal position. A map of the United States forms the background with Oregon Territory delineated. Across the field is "United States of America" and at the bottom "Half Dollar".

The other side has a covered wagon drawn by oxen going to the left. Behind the oxen is part of a large red sun. Above the wagon is "In God We Trust", and below "Oregon Trail Memorial", and at bottom the date, 1926.

The piece is cut in fairly high relief and on the whole is very pleasing. I consider the execution far better than that of most half-dollars. It is certainly much more satisfactory than the Sesquicentennial one.

Very truly yours,

Curator